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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In re Application of

Sashikanth Chandrasekaran, et al. : Confirmation Number: 1436  
Serial No.: 09/871,853 : Group Art Unit: 2187  
Filed: May 31, 2001 : Examiner: Kimberly N. McClean-Mayo

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
REDUCING LATENCY AND MESSAGE  
TRAFFIC DURING DATA AND LOCK  
TRANSFER IN A MULTI-NODE SYSTEM

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 20, 2005, the two-month period for which runs until July 20, 2005. The Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 18.